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Leon County Sheriff's Office Arrest Lakewood Village Car Burglars

Early this morning, Monday June 09, 2008, at 4:52 a.m. a citizen called the Sheriff's Office reporting two males in his driveway pulling on his car door handle. This is a common practice of car burglars to check for un-locked cars and steal items from the vehicle. Upon deputies arrival they began to search the area for the suspects. Approximately an hour after the attempted burglary, Deputy Oliver Leong observed two males, Darrius Clark 01/13/1994 and Derrick Smith 08/14/1990 running away from him in the area of Doonesbury Way. Deputy Leong took Smith into custody without incident and after a short foot chase Deputy Adam Ellington captured Clark. Once Clark was in custody, he was found to be in possession of marijuana. Both Smith and Clark were identified by a witness as the subjects trying to break into a locked vehicle.

As Burglary Detectives arrived and continued the investigation it was discovered that at least (5) five other vehicles had been burglarized, or attempted to be burglarized, by Clark and Smith.

Burglary Sergeant James McQuaig said "we have seen a marked increase in vehicle burglaries and thefts in the Lakewood Village Subdivision during the past 7-10 days. We will be investigating if Clark and Smith are responsible for other crimes in the area".

ARRESTED:

Darrius Clark, B/M, 01-13-1994 (JUVENILE) - Burglary of a Vehicle, Attempted Burglary of a vehicle and Possession of less then 20 gram of marijuana.

Derrick Smith, B/M, 08-14-1990 (JUVENILE) - Burglary of a vehicle and Attempted Burglary of a Vehicle.

***More charges may be filed as the investigation continues.**



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